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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Training

SUBJECT: STD Weekly Activity Report No. 50:
8 through 15 December 1953I. NEW ACTIVITIES

- a. Twenty students in the current Communist Party Operations Course were given a multiple choice quiz on the opening day of the course to determine how much basic information was in their possession. The quiz consisted of fifty questions taken from the Communist quiz given in the Basic Intelligence Course.

Scores made by students ranged from 42 correct answers to 13 correct answers. Of the top 10 students, 9 had had the BIC or its predecessor, the BOC. Of the lower 10, eight students had not had the BIC or the BOC. The students who had previously had the BIC had an average of 35 correct answers out of 50, but the students who had not had the BIC averaged only 25 correct answers. Since most of these questions are pertinent to the CPO it would seem to be demonstrated that students who have had the BIC are better prepared to take the CPO than those who have not.

Six of the 20 students were not notified to pick up reading material ahead of time. These 6 had an average of 23 correct answers out of 50. Since 5 of the 6 had not had the BIC, they seem to have been put at a disadvantage by not having been told to pick up the reading material. The three lowest marks came from this group. It is also to be noted that more people in this current CPO had taken the BIC than is usually the case.

- b. After a week of conducting a special orientation course in PP for a small group of PM officers, the Chief Instructor [] has drawn two conclusions:

- (1) Such a course requires the same planning and forethought as a regular course; and since there was no time to do this, the meeting of this requirement simply by including pertinent sections from a regular course leaves much to be desired.

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If there are to be a number of such requests an orientation course should be designed for case officers not primarily responsible for PF activities.

(2) The trainees, highly indoctrinated in PM, had not received enough indoctrination in their PF responsibilities to be particularly interested in the early part of the course.

- c. [] is currently engaged in the fairly monumental job of compiling and reviewing sets of training materials from RO, CFA, and SAB courses, preparatory to their being forwarded to overseas activities.

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II. OLD ACTIVITIES

- a. On 8 December, the undersigned conferred with [] the A&E Staff on the over all subject of Specialized Training Division evaluations. It is expected that conferences will be held with individual instructors in January on this subject.
- b. [] recently observed the briefings presented to Phase II by CFA, EE, RO, and SAB courses. In his opinion, these briefings are not only effective and appropriate in the course but also serve to stimulate student interest and serve as advertising for these courses.

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III. PERSONNEL CHANGES

None.

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